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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/771,412	Applicant(s) AOKI ET AL.
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.17 and 29.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shigeru.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: *Discussed the claim language, specifically "In a state that the portable operation member is inserted into the opening of the interface unit, that the portable operation member is directly operated by a user." Examiner encouraged further clarification of these limitations in the form of an amendment. Applicant also discussed the 112 rejections presented in the office action. Further consideration is necessary upon receipt of formal response.*

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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